

Duxbury, Mass.
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Massachusetts Historical Society
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sirs:

As may be seen by the heading of this sheet, Duxbury, in July, is to have a Tercentenary celebration of it's incorporation. To me has been assigned the task of marking certain historical sites. One marker has already been erected and now I am working on the legend for a second marker and I am appealing to your courtesy to help me out.

We propose to mark the so-called "Tree of Knowledge". This was so named in the early days before the advent of the railroad because mail and packages, etc., was deposited here to be picked up by stages going to and from Plymouth and Boston.

We have a fairly complete knowledge of what should go on the marker from 1775, when the Provincial Government established a Postoffice, up to 1845, when the Old Colony Railroad was built from Boston to Plymouth.

What I want to ascertain is, what happened prior to 1775. Were there post riders not on stages but on horseback before the establishment of the Postoffice? If so, would it be possible for you to give me references? I shall be under deep obligations for any information you may furnish.

Thanking you in advance, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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